

## Resolution for a Ceasefire and End Hostilities in Palestine

WHEREAS, all life is precious and we support the the [right of all people to self determination](#) and peace; and we oppose all forms of antisemitism, islamophobia, hate, racism, discrimination, xenophobia, and bigotry; and we believe in truth, justice and history, and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, an attack on Israel by Hamas and other armed groups resulted in ~240 hostages being taken captive, and deaths of ~1,163 Israelis, and

WHEREAS, the ensuing Israeli military assault, and [genocide](#), on Palestinians trapped in Gaza and increased military and settler violence and displacement in the West Bank has resulted in the deaths of a record number of civilians in modern history - more than 35,000 Palestinians, including at least 15,000 children, over 300 medical workers and over 100 journalists, over 75,000 Gazans wounded, and over 10,000 missing under the rubble, and

WHEREAS, the people of Palestine have been under [illegal occupation since 1967](#), that has resulted in the loss of land, homes, livelihoods, and generational wellbeing, including the illegal blockade of the Gaza Strip since 2005 that severely limited access to food, medicine, electricity, water, employment and economic infrastructure, education, and severely restricted freedom of movement or equal rights for Palestinians, and

WHEREAS, Palestinians in Israeli territories experience second-class citizenship and apartheid, violence, detainment, segregation and inequity, and

WHEREAS, Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and the current Israeli government is responsible for the ongoing genocide against Palestinians, and

WHEREAS, Palestinian civilians experiencing a humanitarian crisis of catastrophic proportions characterized as ["full blown famine"](#) by international aid organizations, including life altering amputations, severe disease, malnourishment, starvation, lack of shelter, and

WHEREAS, the United States has ended vital funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and

WHEREAS, the monetary and military support of United States, including [~\\$200,000 from Sonoma's taxpayers](#) every year, make the genocide of Palestinians possible, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma Valley Democratic Club calls on President Joseph Biden, Kamala Harris, Alex Padilla, Laphonza Butler, Mike McGuire, Mike Thompson, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Damon Connolly, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, and Sonoma City Council Members to take major steps to immediately bring about:

1. A permanent, immediate ceasefire in Gaza and the West Bank
2. The immediate release of all Israeli hostages and Palestinian detainees and political prisoners
3. A halt to offensive weapons sales and shipments to Israel
4. The funding and immediate, unobstructed entry of humanitarian aid and assistance into Gaza

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sonoma Valley Democratic Club partner with Sonoma Valley for Ceasefire Coalition for the purpose of formally lobbying Sonoma City Council to pass a ceasefire resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support the International Criminal Court of Justice in the Hague's investigation of all parties for war crimes and support a solution that allows for the self-determination of all parties.

Resolution adopted by the Sonoma Valley Democratic Club